

# Seattle Human Rights Commission

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 6, 2012, 6:00–8:00 p.m.  
City Hall - Boards and Commissions Room

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	Katherine Beckett, Isabel Bussarakum, Marsha Mavunkel, Michael Mitchell, Catherine Moore, Andrea Negrete, Greg Ramirez, Christopher Stearns, Christina Ygona, Jennifer Yogi
<b>Commissioners by Phone:</b>	Nika Dahlbacka
<b>Commissioners Absent:</b>	Jessica Andrade, Alejandra Gonza, Marty Penner
<b>SOCR Staff Present:</b>	Michael Chin, Felicia Yearwood
<b>Guest Speakers:</b>	Dustin Washington, Community Justice Program Director <a href="#">American Friends Service Committee</a>
<b>Guests:</b>	Camille Dodson; John Page (The Defender Association)
<b>Call to Order:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
<b>Approval of Minutes:</b>	August, 2012 minutes were approved as read
<b>SOCR report:</b>	Michael Chin

- RSJI Manager Glenn Harris is on loan to the Mayor's Office to coordinate community policing initiative
- Governing for Racial Equity Conference December 13 and 14
- Paid Sick and Safe Time became effective on September 1<sup>st</sup>

### Presentation by Guest Speaker, Dustin Washington

- The [Tyree Scott Freedom School](#) educates youth on community organizing skills and trauma management
- Its curriculum is base on [Youth Undoing Institutional Racism](#) and the [People's Institute's Undoing Institutional Racism](#) curricula
- Dustin would appreciate a letter of support from the Commission. Commissioners may register for UIR training at [PINWSeattle.org](#)

### Application of Human Rights Analysis Tool

Andrea and Greg reported that the tool took several hours to complete. Discussion ensued regarding "Welcoming Cities" resolutions around the country, and the need for training of City and social service agency staff. Felicia will email the Human Rights Analysis tool to all Commissioners.

## Committee Reports

**Right to Food:** Cathy Moore met with CM Conlin's staff regarding food as a human right. It was recommended that the Commission participate in the City's Interdepartmental Team on food policy. Cathy, Michael Mitchell, and Christina Ygona will follow up with food policy coordinator Sharon Lerman and Mayor's staff Ainsley Close.

**Law and Policy Analysis:** Katherine Beckett and Isabel Bussarakum met with CM Harrell's staff regarding proposed "Back to Work Seattle" legislation. A vote on the legislation is expected at the end of October. The Commission should meet with CMs Burgess and Conlin and testify on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Advocates will reach out to employers who hire people with criminal backgrounds. Nika Dahlbacka will provide contact with a Boeing HR Representative.

**Bias Crimes Forum:** Marsha Mavunkel reported that the panel will include Bruce Miyaki (U.S. Attorney), Mike Hogan (King County Prosecutor), Lisa Dugaard (The Defender Association, tentative) Hardeep Singh Rekhi (One America). October 15, 6-8 p.m., City Hall.

**Retreat Planning:** Greg Ramirez, Michael Mitchell, and Christina Ygona will plan the retreat, scheduled for Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Nominating:** The Mayor's Office is interviewing candidates to fill three slots.

## Old Business

UW Bothell Students: Katherine Beckett will follow up.

**MOTION: Thank Seattle Housing Authority expressing for establishing standards that will allow residents of Yesler Terrace to return after revitalization. Action: PASSED**

## New Business

**MOTION: Issue a Resolution urging the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the U.S. Senate's Violence Against Women Act Bill: Action: PASSED**

Rights Working Group convention in Seattle this November: Christina to follow up.

Declaration of Seattle as a Human Rights City: Cathy to follow up.

## Executive Committee Election

Chair: Chris Stearns  
Vice Chair: Nika Dahlbacka  
Secretary: Jennifer Yogi

## Announcements

- Five Commission Meeting 11/14/12, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Reception and Panel Discussion for Mexico City HRC President 10/12/12, 3-5 p.m.

**Adjourned at 8:00**